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7. [] Called Floyd Lupton, Administrative Assistant to Representative Walter Jones (D., N. Car.), and told him that in the absence of the Congressman [] of our office would be down to see him soon to provide him information for relay to Mr. Jones. (This concerns Mr. Jones' statement in the 3 August 1975 Daily Advance.) Neither our records nor those of OTR [] or DOD (Mr. Fryklund) indicate any prior briefing of Mr. Jones on the [] []

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8. [] Terry Emerson, Legislative Assistant to Senator Barry Goldwater (R., Ariz.), called to determine what public legal papers might exist concerning Section 32 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1974 and we discussed this subject generally. Emerson indicated he might be preparing a law review article in conjunction with the Senator on this issue.

9. [] Stuart Statler, Minority Counsel, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, Senate Government Operations Committee, called on behalf of Senator Charles Percy (R., Ill.) to raise objections of their inability to obtain the Soviet grain figure from the Agency. He said Senator Percy had been told by a Chicago grain dealer that the Soviet crop was estimated to come in at about 170 million tons and he (Statler) has indications that the Agency has already arrived at a number. He understood there may be constraints on our reporting this information and wanted to know where these points were so he could apply pressure. Subsequently, I provided, on a confidential basis, the figure 165 as the Agency's estimate and not necessarily the Executive Branch position. He wanted to know if the Department of Agriculture agreed with our figure and I said I did not know. He also observed that a shortfall such as this had a number of significant implications.

10. [] Bill Weaver, OGC/OMB, called to request our assistance in reviewing an Agency views letter on legislation (Section 305 of the Communications Act of 1934) for possible release in connection with an FOIA request to OMB which is now at the administrative appeal stage. I suggested he LDX a copy of the letter to us, which he did, and it was sent to [] Freedom of Information Coordinator, for action before 19 August.

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11. [redacted] Received a call from Les Janka, NSC, regarding the letter we received from Chairman John Sparkman, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, re the Mayaguez incident. (I had forwarded a copy to Janka for his information, especially since the NSC staff is involved in contact with the House International Relations Committee on a study GAO is doing on that Committee's behalf on the Mayaguez.) Janka suggested we go ahead and work up a draft response to the Sparkman letter using the chronology which has been used by Bob Miller, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State. According to Janka, State has prepared a draft response to Sparkman along these lines and he suggested we coordinate with Alex Schnee, State Department Congressional Relations staff, in preparing our draft.

I used this opportunity to ask Janka where things stood with respect to the House International Relations Committee study being conducted by GAO. He said he was trying to get some guidance from Dr. Kissinger on this and as soon as he had further information he would be back in touch with us.

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12. [redacted] General Sam Wilson, D/DCI/IC, called to say he had received further inquiries from DOD regarding the transcripts of the Director's testimony of Wednesday before the House Select Committee on Intelligence. I suggested that he contact [redacted] is negotiating with the Committee regarding the number of copies of the transcripts which will be made and what if any distribution can be made of them

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13. [redacted] I talked with Howard Feldman, Majority Counsel, Senate Government Operations Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, several times during the course of the afternoon regarding the Soviet grain situation. A meeting with Feldman and Stuart Statler, Minority Counsel, had been scheduled for 2:00 this afternoon, but it became necessary to cancel that session since we were awaiting White House approval on passing our new estimated Soviet grain figure to the Hill. Without identifying the White House, I bought time with Feldman and ultimately, after the Director talked with General Scowcroft, I advised Feldman the Soviet grain figure estimate had been reduced to 165 million tons, but he should regard that figure as confidential until it is announced otherwise. Feldman was most understanding throughout my numerous conversations with him during the afternoon and said he would notify Statler of the information I had given him. I also told him we would probably be in touch with him tomorrow to reschedule the briefing.

Feldman noted that if, in fact, the agreed figure was 165 million tons, this posed a number of serious problems which could affect all sorts of things including our negotiations with the Soviets on SALT. I told him he probably could then understand why we had to await policy approval before giving him this figure which I again reminded should be treated on a confidential basis.

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